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Department of Labour
TE TARI MAHI



Joshua Grainger
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File No : 12/02332

Dear Joshua Grainger

I am responding to your request dated 12 April 2012, received 4 May 2012 for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), relating to:

all papers, correspondence, emails, memos, proposals, or other information related to plans to deal with "boat people." I am interested in anything that spells out what plans have been put developed, and the background to how these plans were arrived at, including any correspondence with third party agencies, Ministers, or other government departments.

The received date of 4 May reflects the refining of your request in which you wrote:

I was wondering if my request would be confined enough to avoid a charging provision if (in order of preference):

- a) If only the titles or subjects or reports, emails, or correspondence was released, so that I could pick and choose those which seem to be most relevant to me.*
- b) I did not ask for internal emails relating to this subject, only rather internal memos, papers, and other such documents (but including emails with people outside of the Department)*
- c) If only correspondence with those outside of the Department was included in my request.*

In response to your refined request, a letter was prepared to advise you that we were proposing to collate a response for you that would not require any charges. As your request is still quite broad, the letter was intended to advise you that the Department was extending the time available to it to answer your request, and that the response would now be made by 29 June 2012.

The reason for the extension was:

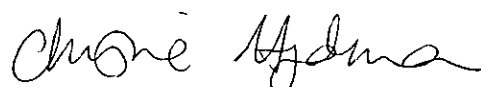
Section 15A (a) The request is for a large quantity of official information or necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit (20 working days) would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the department or the Minister of the Crown or the organisation.

Unfortunately, due to an administrative error, the letter was not sent to you. Please accept my sincere apologies for this oversight. You can expect to receive a response by 29 June 2012.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Hyndman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine Hyndman
Manager, Immigration Policy
for Secretary of Labour